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TITLE OF INVENTION: MOBILE COMMUNICATION TERMINAL AND POSITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/13/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9,12,14 and 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Examiner, Art Unit 2617

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization to amend the claims has been given by Attorney Andrew T. Harry, Reg. No. 56, 959.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claim:**

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
  
a communication partner equipment;  
  
a portable communication terminal communicatively coupled to the communication partner equipment,  
  
the portable communication terminal including,  
  
data transmitting means for transmitting picture data from the portable communication terminal to a communication partner equipment, using a user channel for transmission of picture data,  
  
location requesting means for transmitting request information to request calculation of location information about the portable communication terminal, the request information being transmitted from the portable communication terminal to a location information calculating server for calculating the location information over a control channel for

transmission of control data, wherein the communication partner equipment is not part of the location information calculating server,

location acquiring means for acquiring, at the portable communication device, the location information over the control channel from the location information calculating server in parallel with the data transmitting means transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel, the location information having been calculated based on the request information in the location information calculating server, and

location transmitting means for transmitting, from the portable communication device over the control channel, the location information acquired by the location acquiring means from the location information calculating server to the communication partner equipment in parallel with the data transmitting means transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel; and

the communication partner equipment stores the picture data in association with the location information received from the location transmitting means of the portable communication device, and the communication partner equipment transmits the picture data together with the location information to a receiver terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the portable communication terminal further comprises:

movement detecting means for detecting a movement state of the location of the portable communication terminal, based on the location information acquired by the location acquiring means,

wherein the location transmitting means transmits the location information in accordance with the detected movement state.

6. (Currently Amended) A location information providing method for providing location information from a portable communication terminal to a communication partner equipment, comprising:

transmitting, with a transmitter of the portable communication terminal, picture data to the communication partner equipment over a user channel for transmission of picture data;

transmitting request information to request calculation of location information about the portable communication terminal, the request information being transmitted from the portable communication terminal to a location information calculating server for calculating the location information over a control channel for transmission of control data, wherein the communication partner equipment is not part of the location information calculating server;

acquiring, at the portable communication terminal, the location information over the control channel from the location information calculating server in parallel with transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel, the location information having been calculated based on the request information in the location information calculating server;

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transmitting, from the portable communication device over the control channel, the location information acquired by the acquiring step from the location information calculating server to the communication partner equipment in parallel with transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel;

storing, at the communication partner equipment, the picture data in association with the location information received from the portable communication device; and

transmitting, at the communication partner equipment, the picture data together with the location information to a receiver terminal.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a communication partner equipment;

a portable communication terminal communicatively coupled to the communication partner equipment,

the portable communication terminal including,

a data transmitting unit configured to transmit picture data from the portable communication terminal to a communication partner equipment, using a user channel for transmission of picture data,

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a location requesting unit configured to transmit request information to request calculation of location information about the portable communication terminal, the request information being transmitted from the portable communication terminal to a location information calculating server for calculating the location information using a control channel for transmission of control data, wherein the communication partner equipment is not part of the location information calculating server,

a location acquiring unit configured to acquire, at the portable communication device, the location information over the control channel from the location information calculating server in parallel with the data transmitting unit transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel, the location information having been calculated based on the request information in the location information calculating server, and

a location transmitting unit configured to transmit, from the portable communication device over the control channel, the location information acquired by the location acquiring unit from the location information calculating server to the communication partner equipment in parallel with the data transmitting unit transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel; and

the communication partner equipment stores the picture data in association with the location information received from the location transmitting means of the portable communication device, and the communication partner equipment transmits the picture data together with the location information to a receiver terminal.

10. (Canceled)

**Allowable Subject Matter**

3. Claims **1-7, 9, 12, 14 and 16** are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims **1-7, 9, 12, 14 and 16** are allowed.

Re claims 1, 6 and 9, Lin discloses a system comprising:

A communication partner equipment (**Lin, fig 1: base station**);

A portable communication terminal communicatively coupled to the communication partner equipment, the portable communication terminal including (**Lin, fig 1: mobile station communicatively coupled to base station**),

data transmitting means for transmitting user data from the portable communication terminal to a communication partner equipment, using a user channel for transmission of user data (**P [3]: voice channels for data transmissions between the base station and mobile device. Note: generally, voice channel, user channel and traffic channel are the same**),

location requesting means for transmitting request information to request calculation of location information about the portable communication terminal (**P [52]: mobile station initiates the location update procedure; fig 1: position producer will then be informed (is requested to calculate/produce position) of said location update procedure from said mobile station**), the request information being transmitted from the portable communication terminal to a location information calculating server for calculating the location information (**P [52]; fig 1**)

over a control channel for transmission of control data (**P [32]: location updating procedure is performed through a control channel**),

wherein the communication partner equipment is not part of the location information calculating server (**fig 1: position producer and base station**),

location acquiring means for acquiring, at the portable communication device, the location information **over the control channel** from the location information calculating server (**fig 1: position producer to mobile station; P [32]: location updating procedure is performed through a control channel**),

the location information having been calculated based on the request information in the location information calculating server (**fig 1: Position producer calculates position for mobile station, said calculation is invoked from the mobile station's request; P [52]**),

Note (not citation; for clarifying the claimed limitation below): In current application, fig 1:

“GPS server” to “location acquiring part” to “location transmitter” to “content delivery server”)

location transmitting means for transmitting, from the portable communication device over the control channel, the location information acquired by the location acquiring means from the location information calculating server to the communication partner equipment (**Lin, fig 1: Position producer (GPS server) to mobile station's receiver (location acquiring part) to mobile station's transmitter (location transmitter) to base station (content delivery server))**);

And the communication partner equipment stores the user data in association with the location information received from the location transmitting means of the portable communication device (**fig 1, P [32]: With HLR and VLR, the base station has already stored the user data. The**

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**mobile station can transmit its position information (from the position producer) to the base station. Therefore, the base station stores said mobile station's user data (together or in associated) and with said mobile station's location information; P [6], extra: HLR can stores user data and current location; therefore, Lin discloses the communication partner equipment stores the user data together with the location information received from the portable communication device; note, the location is already/inherently associated with the user in order for the user or other user to find/locate the user's location, see Lin, P [9]-[10]),**

**and the communication partner equipment transmits the user data together with the location information to a receiver terminal (P [6]: cell phone reads its location from the base transceiver station 31; P [9]-[10]: it does not matter where we are, people can find us; P [9]: military officer can track a particular person's position; therefore, Lin discloses the communication partner equipment transmits the location information to a receiver terminal); To address: the user data together with the location information (When a military officer tracks a particular person's position, the system (has base station involved) could retrieve and display both the particular person's (name) identity (user data) and location. If only the location is displayed without an identity, people may not be able to confirm whether said location is said (target) particular person's location; therefore, Lin discloses the communication partner equipment transmits the user data together with the location information to a receiver terminal);**

Orler discloses:

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User channel and Control channels are interchangeable, when used to transmit data (**Orler, Col5 L44-46: “information can be transferred between the base station and the handset across a control channel and/or a voice channel”**); But Orler doesn’t specifically disclose: Said user data is picture data;

Karai discloses:

Said user data is picture data (**Karai, fig. 4-5: see “the user’s name and user’s picture is displayed on the mobile”, thus user’s picture is user data**); Karai also discloses: a mobile transmitting picture and location data to another mobile via the network/server (**Karai, fig. 4-5, P [59]-[80]: the mobile/user has his/her name, photo/picture, address, presence location transmitted/stored to the network/server, then said user’s data is displayed/retrieved/sent to the other user**);

Note (not citation): In current application, fig 1: Examiner notes that there is a specific signal particular goes through the “USER” channel, and there are three specific signals that go through the “CONTROL” channel.

Note: data transmission over the “USER” channel is well known. For the other three signals over the “CONTROL” channel, please refer to the Lin P [32] and location updating procedure.

Note (not citation): In current application, figure 1: content delivery server 30 and GPS server 40.

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Note: Lin, fig 1: position producer (GPS server) and base station (is content delivery server).

Base station stores information (content) in HLR and/or VLR, wherein said information can be delivered to other network devices.

However, the prior art of records fail to disclose singly or in combination to render obvious that:

location acquiring means for acquiring, at the portable communication device, the location information over the control channel from the location information calculating server in parallel with the data transmitting means transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel;

location transmitting means for transmitting, from the portable communication device over the control channel, the location information acquired by the location acquiring means from the location information calculating server to the communication partner equipment in parallel with the data transmitting means transmitting the picture data to the communication partner over the user channel;

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**Conclusion**

**Newly added reference for this Office action: Karaizman, Gyora US 20050054352 A1, hereinafter “Karai”.**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MUNSOON CHOO whose telephone number is (571)270-7140, fax number is (571)-270-8140 and email is munsoon.choo@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571)272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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